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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Sir:

Applicants thank the Examiner for the Interview that was held on May 29, 2007. During the course of the interview, Applicants' representative pointed out the distinction between the circumferential pleats versus the helical pleats disclosed in the U.S. Patent No. 6,264,684 to Banas et al. In addition, Applicants' representative also pointed out that the portion of the pleated area that is not secured to the other side is properly disclosed in at least figure 5 of the original disclosure.

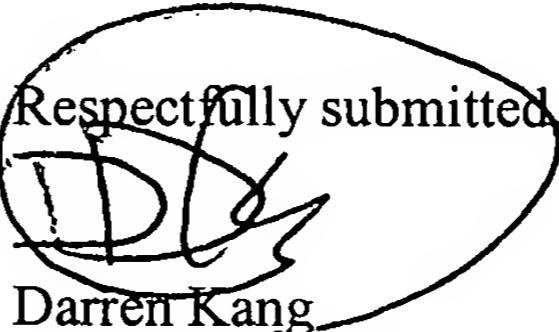
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In response, the Examiner stated that he believes these circumferential pleats are pretty common in the art and even if we further emphasize the combination of features into the current claims, he may search further to provide additional references with circumferential pleats.

The Examiner also courteously pointed out that, if no Amendment is made, he will be forced to issue a non-final Office Action to perform the additional searches. Further, the Examiner provided additional information regarding the pre-appeal processes.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courteous interview and the Applicants' representative believes that the above details describes the extent of the discussion that was held on May 29, 2007 interview.

If there are any other pertinent details which need to be mentioned, Applicants invite the Examiner to issue a separate Interview Summary.

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